

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 15, at line 1 as shown below:

Referring again to Figures 4 and 6 of the preferred embodiment battery pack 20, the battery pack 20 includes a plurality of vents 148 provided in the tapered guide-way 64 and aligned with an associated handle 28, 38 for assembly. Additionally, the underside of the battery pack 20 includes another series of vents 150. The vents 148 and 150 are provided for ventilation of the battery 20 as is well known in the art. Thus, as the battery 20 raises in temperature, air is permitted therethrough by convection, or is forced therethrough by a fan of the motor or an additional fan which may be provided within the handle 28, 38 of the specific power tool or within the associated charger. Therefore, it may not always be desired to cover the entire floor 46 of the associated battery pack 20. Ported or vented battery packs are disclosed in assignee's United States patent application, *Battery Venting System*, S.N. 10/453,836, which was filed on June 3, 2003 and is incorporated in its entirety by reference herein.